

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) Method for manufacturing a clothing article for use with persons that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, preferably an ostomy hernia, which clothing article is made for exerting compression on the user and intended for being disposed around the lower part of the body of the user and made with a predefined size and shape, characterized by knitting a seamless tubular item, which is made with anatomic fit for establishing a firm yet elastic structure for producing compression of between 15 to 50 mmHg within a previously selected area of the clothing article, and which provides an approximately constant compression within a certain range of users' sizes and shapes, wherein elastic yarns, preferably elasthane, are used in a part between 15 and 60%, preferably between 30 and 50%, of the areas of the clothing article, which are to exert compression on the user's body.
2. (original) Method according to claim 1, characterized by a step for extending the material in the item or for selective fixation of the item while it is placed on a form with a predefined size and shape.
3. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, characterized by a step for sewing together the tubular item for forming a panty brief with a lower body part area, groin area and leg openings.
4. (original) Method according to claim 3, characterized in that the step for sewing together the tubular item for forming a panty brief with lower body part area, groin area and leg openings is performed optionally before or after the fixation step on the form.
5. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 3, characterized in that in the groin area in the panty brief there is provided an aperture so that the user can relieve himself without taking off the panty brief.

6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the clothing article is made by circular knitting on a body size machine or a rectilinear knitting machine with two needle bars, the machines preferably being electronic controlled.

7. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the extension or fixation is performed with varying intensity across the clothing article for establishing varied extension or elasticity and firmness in the article and thereby also varied compression when the clothing article is placed on a user.

8. (Canceled) without prejudice.

9. (Previously presented) Clothing article formed with a predefined size and shape for use with persons that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, preferably an ostomy hernia, characterized in that it is formed by a seamless, knitted, tubular item which is intended for being disposed around the lower body part of the user, and which is made with a firm yet elastic structure for forming a compression between 15 and 50 mmHg within a pre-selected area of the clothing article in order to provide an anatomical fit, and which provides an approximately constant compression within a certain range of users' sizes and shapes, wherein the tubular item comprises elastic yarns, preferably elasthane, in a part of between 15 and 60%, preferably between 30 and 50%, in the areas which in use are to exert compression on the user's body.

10. (original) Clothing article according to claim 9, characterized in that the tubular item is preferably extended or fixed in order to provide the anatomical fit.

11. (Previously presented) Clothing article according to claim 9, characterized in that the tubular item is sewn together at one end for forming a panty brief with lower body part, groin area and leg openings.

12. (Canceled) without prejudice.

13. (Previously presented) Clothing article according to claim 9, characterized in that in circumferential direction it has a material that display a force/elongation curve including a largely flat curve pattern.

14. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the elastic yarns are elasthane.

15. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 14, wherein the elastic yarns, in the areas which are to exert compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 100 to 350 ~~dtex~~ decitex.

16. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 15, wherein the elastic yarns, in the areas which are to exert compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 150 to 250 ~~dtex~~ decitex.

17. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the clothing article, in the areas which are to exert compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

18. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 17, wherein the clothing article, in the areas which are to exert compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 300 and 400 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

19. (Previously presented) Clothing article according to claim 9, wherein the elastic yarns are elasthane.

20. (Currently amended) Clothing article according to claim 19, wherein the elastic yarns, in the areas which are to exert compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 100 to 350 ~~dtex~~ decitex.

21. (Previously presented) Clothing article according to claim 9, wherein the clothing article, in the areas which are to exert compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

22. (Previously presented) Clothing article according to claim 19, wherein the clothing article, in the areas which are to exert compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.